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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been rejected.

Claims 2-4 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended in this Amendment for the purpose of clarification. Applicant respectfully asserts that no new matter has been added by such amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 2-4 would be allowable but are objectionable based on being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicant is grateful for the Examiner's acknowledgement of patentable subject matter in claims 2-4. In light of the remarks herein, it is respectfully asserted that claim 1 is patentable, and that claims 2-4, which depend therefrom are likewise patentable.

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Remarks to the Drawings

Fig. 1 has been amended to include the label "PRIOR ART" as suggested by the Examiner. The entire drawing sheet containing the corrected Fig. 1 is enclosed for review by the Examiner.

Substitute Specification

In response to the Examiner's objection based on the margins of the disclosure, Applicant hereby submits a substitute specification. Applicant states that the substitute specification includes no new subject matter from the original specification.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,195,088 (Signes). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

It is well-established that in order to anticipate under 35 U.S.C. § 102, a reference must teach each and every element of the rejected claim. Signes, however, does not teach each and every element of the method recited in amended claim 1.

The Signes reference discloses "[a] method and system for encoding multimedia content using dynamic interfaces. By providing an extendable, programmatic interface to the content of a scene, a scene may be more efficiently encoded than a scene in which each characteristic of each object in the scene is explicitly specified in the video stream for each frame. Exemplary scene characteristics that can be encoded include quantizing values, animation parameters and update parameters." (Signes Abstract).

By the present amendment, Applicant has clarified the intent of claim 1 with regard to the elements of the claim. It is respectfully submitted that none of the other prior art of record, either alone or in tandem with Signes teaches each element of amended claim 1. For example, Signes does not suggest the overloading of specific operator components, as recited

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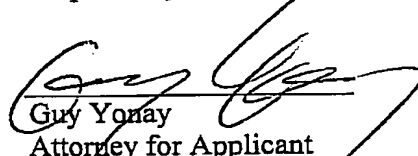
in amended claim 1. In addition, Signes does not disclose the instantiating a PROTO object via cloning of a definitive PROTO object, as further recited in amended claim 1. In the recent Office action, the Examiner has recognized these and other distinctive features of the present invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 is patentable and should be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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